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16. The process of claim 14, wherein said effluent, prior to any separation step, has a meta-diisopropylbenzene to ortho-diisopropylbenzene ratio in excess of 100.

A marked-up version of the existing claim 4 showing the changes incorporated in the amended claim is attached on a separate sheet.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification on page 1, lines 11 and 15; page 17, line 5; and page 18, line 5, to replace the term "PIDB" with the term "DIPB."

Please amend the specification on page 3, line 24, to replace the word "ration" with the word "ratio."

Please amend the specification on page 5, line 14, to insert the word "than" following the word "less."

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of this application, as amended.

Claim 4 has been amended to change the phrase "substantially free of sulfided hydrogenation metal" to "essentially free of sulfided hydrogenation metal." This amendment is supported by the specification at page 6, lines 26 and 27. No new matter is added.

The specification has been amended to correct typographical errors on pages 1, 3, 5, 17, and 18. No new matter is added.

Support for new claim 14 can be found on page 9, lines 10 to 14, of the specification. No new matter is added.

Support for new claims 15 and 16 can be found on page 9, lines 7 to 9 of the specification. No new matter is added.